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TOKYO FOR US GATT DELEGATION

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SUMMARY -- ECONOMIC DOCUMENTS AGREED TO BY NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE ARE GENERAL IN NATURE, BUT DO EXPRESS LDC FRUSTRATION OVER TRENDS IN WORLD MONETARY AND TRADE FLOWS. MEMBER STATES RECOGNIZE NEED FOR TRADE LIBERALIZATION, BUT CLEARLY STATE NEED TO ASSURE BENEFITS ACCRUE TO LDCS PRIMARILY THROUGH PREFERENCES IN FAVOR OF LDCS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE NON-ALIGNED AGREED ON AN ACTION PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AN ECONOMIC DECLARATION, AND SIX ECONOMIC RESOLUTIONS: (1) ECONOMIC EFFECTS ARISING OUT OF THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST ARAB STATES: (2) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES.: (3) ECONOMIC SECURITY AND COLLECTIVE ACTION: (4) SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: (5) SPECIAL MEASURES RELATED TO THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF THE LAND LOCKED COUNTRIES AND (6) DROUGHT.

2. NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE ACTION PROGRAM AND ECONOMIC DECLARATION HAVE BEENPUBLISHED IN LOCAL PAPERS ARE FAIRLY REPETITIOUS ONE OF THE OTHER. ON TRADE SIDE, BOTH PAPERS SUPPORT TRADE LIBERALIZATION NEGOTIATION, BUT THEN EMPHASIZE LDC CONCERN THAT IN PAST TRADE LIBERALIZATION HAS NOT ASSISTED LDCS AND THIS TIME IT SHOULD BE DIFFERENT WITH LDCS MEETING TOGETHER DURING PRENEGOTIATIONS AND REAL NEGOTIATIONS TO ASSURE MAXIMUM BENEFITS TO LDCS. PAPERS EMPHASIZE URGENT NEEDTO IMPLEMENT GENERALIZED PREFERENCES, ENLARGE COVERAGE TO INCLUDE AGRICULTURE AND OTHER PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO LDCS AND ELIMINATE RESTRICTIONS THAT CURTAIL ADVANTAGES OF GENERALIZED
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PREFERENCES.

3. ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, LDCS ARE TO SEEK RECOGNITION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-RECIPROCITY, OF NON-DISCRIMINATION AND OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN DCS AND LDCS. THE EXPECTED TRADE LIBERALIZATION AMONG DCS SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY CORRESPONDING MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD ADVANTAGES WHICH THE LDCS HAVE UNDER GENERALIZED PREFERENCE

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SCHEMES. FINALLY DURING NEGOTIATION PERIOD,THERE SHOULD NOT
BE A FREEZE ON ACTIONS THAT CONCERN LDC AND THE OBJECTIVES
OF THE DEVELOPMENT DECADE.
4. REVERSE PREFERENCES ARE TOUCHED UPON BY PRINCIPLE
OF NON-DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN LDCS AND DCS AND THE
OBJECTIVE OF "NO LDC SHOULD GRANT IMPORTS FORM DC LETTER
TERMS THAN THOSE GRANTED TO OTHER LDCS".

5. ECONOMIC PAPERS EMPHASIZE IN GENERAL TERMS THE NEED FOR
COMMODITY AGREEMENTS, SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR
NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE NEED TO RECONFIRM THE OBJECTIVES
OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE. THE ECONOMIC PAPERS
ALSO INCLUDE THE EXPECTED LANGUAGE ON ECONOMIC
IMPERIALISM AND MNCS.

6. THE PAPERS ALSO CALL FOR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TOWARDS
LDCS BE INCLUDED IN REFORM OF GATT ASK THE 28TH GA TO
GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO PREPARE A CHARTER OF THE ECONOMIC
RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF COUNTRIES, AND CALLS FOR A
WORLD CONFERENCE ON THE FOOD CRISIS TO BE ORGANIZED BY
THE UN OR FAO.

7. THE ALGERIANS PREPARED THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE
ECONOMIC PAPERS, BUT THEIR FINAL FORM IF NOT SUBSTANCE WAS
SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED IN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' ECONOMIC
COMMITTE CHAIRED BY CHILE. THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO DEBATE
BY THE HEADS OF STATE ON THE ECONOMIC PAPERS. NON-
ALIGNED ECONOMIC ACTION PROGRAM AND DECLARATION
MAY TIE LDCS INTO MORE EFFECTIVE LOBBY ESPECIALLY
IF THEY MEET DURING GATT NEGOTIATIONS BY THEMSELVES
AS RECOMMENDED. HOWEVER, NON-ALIGNED DID NOT
CREATE CONTINUING SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE COMMON
POSITIONS AND IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW COMMITTEE WITH ALGERIA
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CHAIRMANSHIP WILL WORK BETWEEN NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

8. FULL TEXTS WILL BE SENT BY AIRGRAM AS SOON AS
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